SINGAPORE ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL AWARDS APP ITS ENHANCED SINGAPORE GREEN LABELLING SCHEME FOR PULP AND PAPER

Singapore, 16 May 2019: The Singapore Environment Council (SEC) has awarded Asia Pulp and Paper (APP) its enhanced Singapore Green Labelling Scheme (SGLS) certification under pulp and paper category.

SEC pioneered the enhanced SGLS and was recently awarded ISO/IEC 17065:2012 accreditation for its processes which are based on impartial, independent, sound and reliable risk management profiling, making SEC the first NGO certifying body in the world to receive this accolade.

APP joins eight other global companies which had earlier received enhanced SGLS certifications for their pulp and paper products. Another five companies have submitted applications for pulp and paper products and are currently undergoing the enhanced SGLS evaluation process, in addition to other companies outside Singapore which have made enquiries on SEC's enhanced Green Label certification.

On the companies which have received the enhanced SGLS certification, Ms Isabella Huang-Loh, Chairman, Singapore Environment Council, said: "We have certified that all nine companies are in compliance with the requirements of our ISO 17065 compliant audit and risk management framework certification. This framework allows companies to achieve continual robust corporate governance in their activities, from plantations to mills and distribution of their products safely. It includes fire management, peatland management as well as village welfare.

"Our enhanced set of criteria have been developed with reference to the International Social and Environmental Accreditation and Labelling Alliance (ISEAL) Codes of Good Practice. We encourage more companies to join these nine companies in applying for our enhanced SGLS certification."

The enhanced SGLS uses a comprehensive risk management profiling to complement its more extensive qualification criteria, especially in fire management and peatland management. It enables SEC to provide full risk management profiling to systematically review practices, enabling surveillance over the entire supply chain management of pulp and paper applicants which includes plantations, mills, secondary mills, products and distributors (*see Appendix A for applicant's Audit & Risk Management Framework*).

Certified products are subjected to an objective evaluation including extensive ground audits and undergo rigorous checks. During the process of certification, companies need to demonstrate they comply with each of the 25 audit criteria under the enhanced scheme. SEC also encourages companies to address existing gaps or risks.

Mr Zech Chan, Chairman of the Green Label Steering Committee, Singapore Environment Council, added: "The current certification is based on audit findings of APP's supply chain stakeholders, conducted in 2018 and 2019 as part of the process for the enhanced SGLS. APP's pulp and paper products have been certified based primarily on current practices, not on the past.

"SEC believes that it is important to engage and recognise the efforts of all companies which have worked hard at being awarded our enhanced SGLS certification. We have seen improvements of about 5-10% in water and energy savings over the past two years in a number of the companies and we will continue to monitor their responsibilities on mitigation of climatic change."

The enhanced SGLS for pulp and paper category was launched in January 2017 in response to the absence of peatland management and fire management in this category. Along with the enhanced criteria, a comprehensive risk management profiling is adopted in assessing companies' practices and standards. Companies which do not keep within the guidelines and requirements may have their certification temporarily restricted or revoked.

The comprehensive green labelling scheme incorporates criteria based on current internationally recognised best practices. SEC's enhanced SGLS certification incorporates relevant International Organization for Standardization (ISO) environmental management standards, global forestry management standards, fire management standards from Occupational Health and Safety Assessment Series 18001 (OHSAS 18001) and peatland management to address pertinent issues relating to planting on peatlands.

SEC's enhanced SGLS requires companies to improve their peatland management and commit to the early detection and suppression of fires when they occur. Companies must also comply with the existing requirement of zero-burning on their plantations.

Singapore Environment Council's SGLS certification began in 1992 and endorses industrial and consumer products that are produced in an environmentally responsible manner across a range of categories, from office machines to detergents, hygiene products, packaging to paints, surface coatings and building products. Please see attached Appendix B for the list of companies and products with enhanced SGLS certification.

To know more about the Singapore Green Labelling Scheme, visit https://sgls.sec.org.sg/ or email us at info@sec.org.sg.

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Established in 1995, the Singapore Environment Council (SEC) is Singapore's first United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)-accredited non-governmental organisation (NGO).

SEC is committed to influence thinking and to drive actions on environmental sustainability through our GreenDNA approach, which inspires all our programmes – ranging from the Training & Education series, Green Labels and Eco-Certifications, to Awards & Outreach. It translates to a holistic approach to encode green practices into the DNA of organisations, with a focus on a 3E framework: to Engage employees' interest; Empower them with the knowledge and skills; Evaluate the impact of their initiatives.
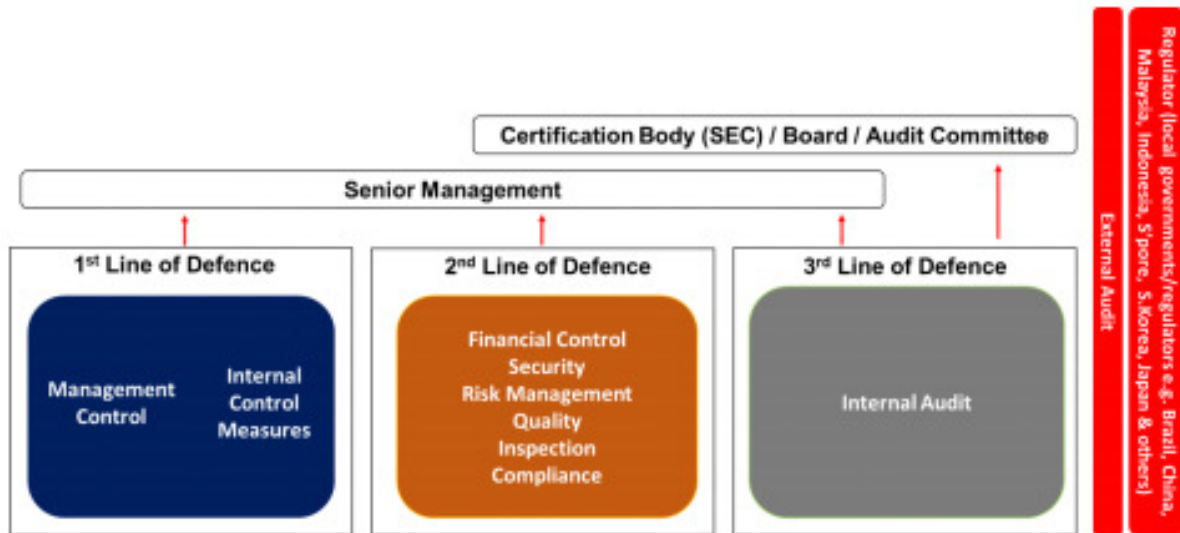
SEC values strong partnerships with corporations, government agencies and other NGOs – which are vital for sustaining our programmes and in steering the direction and discourse for the environmental movement in Singapore.

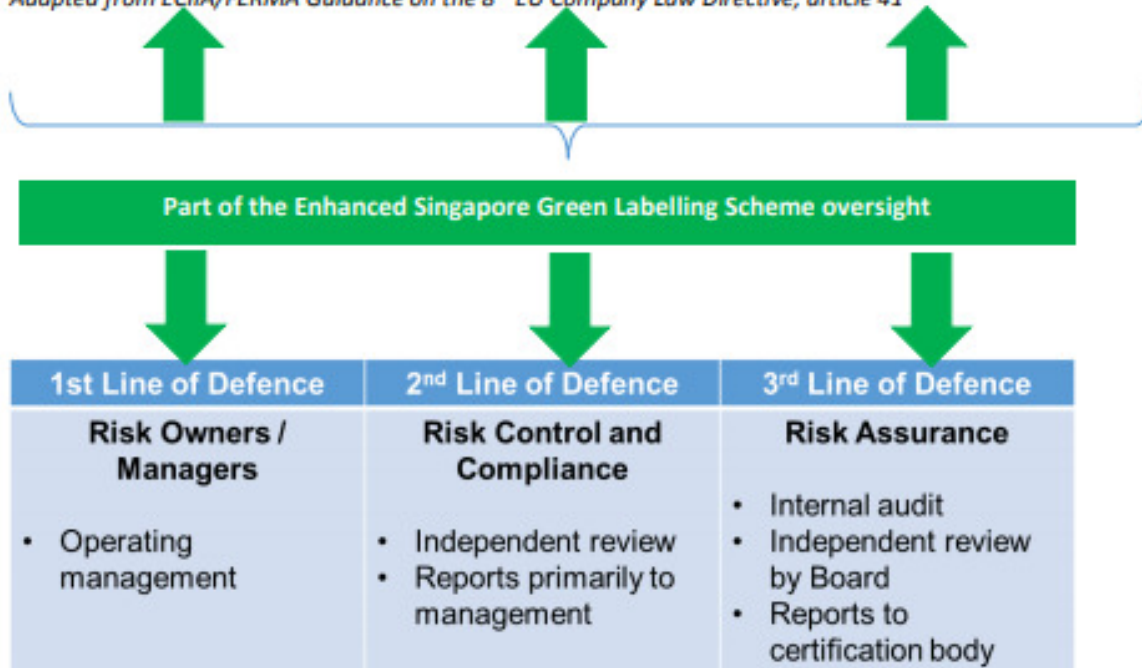To learn more about the Singapore Environment Council, please visit https://sec.org.sg/.

Applicant's Audit and Risk Management Framework

The Three Lines of Defence Model

Adapted from ECIIA/FERMA Guidance on the 8th EU Company Law Directive, article 41

1st Line of Defence	2nd Line of Defence	3rd Line of Defence
Risk Owners / Managers	**Risk Control and Compliance**	**Risk Assurance**
• Operating management	• Independent review • Reports primarily to management	• Internal audit • Independent review by Board • Reports to certification body

Appendix B

List of Pulp and Paper Products Certified Under the Enhanced Singapore Green Labelling Scheme

No.	Company	Brand	Product Description
1	Kimberly-Clark Products (M) Sdn Bhd	Scott®	Bath Tissue
		Scott®	Bath Towel
		Scott®	Facial Tissue
		Scott®	Napkin
		Scott®	Towel
		Kleenex®	Bath Tissue
		Kleenex®	Facial Tissue
		Kleenex®	Napkin
		Kleenex®	Towel
		WyPAll	Wiper
2	Fuji Xerox Singapore	FUJI XEROX BUSINESS	70GSM/80GSM Printing Paper
		FUJI XEROX PERFORMER	70GSM/80GSM Printing Paper
		FUJI XEROX PROFESSIONAL	70GSM/80GSM Printing Paper
3	UPM (China) Co Ltd	UPM OFFICE	70GSM/80GSM Printing Paper
		UPM YES	70GSM/80GSM Printing Paper
4	Scanpap (Asia Pacific) Pte Ltd	PREFER	Hygiene Paper
		SCANDEX	Hygiene Paper
5		PAPERONE DIGITAL	80GSM/85GSM/100GSM Printing Paper
		PAPERONE ALL PURPOSE	75GSM/80GSM Printing Paper

	April International Enterprise Pte Ltd	PAPERONE COPIER	70GSM/75GSM/80GSM Printing Paper
		PERFECT PRINT	70GSM/80GSM Printing Paper
		PP LITE	70GSM/75GSM/80GSM Printing Paper
6	Sunlight Paper Products Pte Ltd	SUNLIGHT	JUMBO ROLL TISSUE, TOILET ROLL- JRC 001,
		SUNLIGHT	FOLDED HAND TOWEL, HAND TOWEL ROLL, HYGIENE WIPES – PHT-001
7	Yeong Chaur Shing Paper Mill Sdn Bhd	BELUX	TOILET TISSUE, JUMBO ROLL TISSUE(JRT), HAND ROLL TISSUE(HRT), KITCHEN TOWEL, NAPKIN
8	Canon Singapore Pte Ltd	CANON BUSINESS PAPER	70GSM/ 80GSM Printing Paper
		CANON STANDARD PAPER	70GSM/ 80GSM Printing Paper
9	Asia Pulp and Paper	IK Copy	70GSM/75GSM/80GSM Photocopy Paper
		E-paper	70GSM/75GSM/80GSM Photocopy Paper
		Paperline Global	70GSM/75GSM/80GSM Photocopy Paper
		Livi	Tissue Paper
		Paseo	Tissue Paper
		Nice	Tissue Paper
		Jolly	Tissue Paper
		Excelpro	Recycled Photocopy Paper
		Exceedo	Recycled Photocopy Paper